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	China	Mr. Wang Yingfan
	Colombia	Mr. Valdivieso
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	Mauritius	Mr. Neewoor
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	Singapore	Ms. Lee
	Tunisia	Mr. Mejdoub
	Ukraine	Mr. Kuchinsky
	United States of America	Mr. Hume

Agenda

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2001/398).

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The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

Expression of sympathy to the Governments and peoples of Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland

The President: At the outset, I should like, on behalf of the Council, to express profound sympathy and condolences to the Governments and peoples of Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland, and to the bereaved families, in connection with the deaths of two international humanitarian workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and four nationals of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who gave their lives yesterday in the cause of peace while serving with the ICRC in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council strongly condemns the wanton killing of those humanitarian workers.

I would like to request members to stand and observe a minute of silence in memory of those six humanitarian workers who so tragically lost their lives on 26 April 2001.

The members of the Council observed a minute of silence.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara, document S/2001/398. Members of the Council also have before them document S/2001/413, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/413) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Bangladesh, China, Colombia, France, Ireland, Jamaica, Mali, Mauritius, Norway, Russian Federation, Singapore, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1349 (2001).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.